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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24 and 26.

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

25 (original). A communication network, the network comprising:
a plurality of first nodes having no actual routing capability;
a second node having an actual routing capability; and
at least one interconnection between each first node and said second node,
wherein each first node interacts with said second node over said at least one interconnection
between said first node and said second node to provide an emulated routing capability to said
first node.

Claim 26 (canceled).

Please add the following Claims.

27 (new). The communication network as recited in claim 25, and further including a plurality
of bridges, said plurality of bridges including said plurality of first nodes.

28 (new). The communication network as recited in claims 26, wherein said plurality of bridges
are MPLS-enabled bridges.

29 (new). An L2/L32 network comprising:
a plurality of bridges, said plurality of bridges having a plurality of first nodes, said
plurality of first nodes have not actual routing capability,
an external router, said external router having a plurality of nodes, each of said plurality
of nodes of said router having actual routing capability;
at least one interconnection between said plurality of nodes of said external router and
said plurality of first nodes of said plurality of bridges; and

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wherein each of said plurality of nodes of said external router interacts with said plurality of first nodes over said at least one interconnection to provide an emulated routing capability to said first node.